

# ***ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ***

## ***PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS***

***JULY 16, 2026***

### **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[For readings see: [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)]

### **Worship Schedule**

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon. | Tuesday                                                                                                                      | Wednesday | Thursday                               | Friday | Sat |
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| <b>9:30 am Eucharist</b><br>(in-person & livestreamed)<br><b>Coffee hour</b> (following the service)<br><br><b>11:00 am – noon –</b><br><b>Sunday School</b> on the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (on vacation until September) |      | <b>10:00 am Morning Prayer</b> on Zoom<br><br><b>12:30 – 2 pm –</b><br>Body & Soul:<br>The <b>Tuesday Book Group</b> on Zoom |           | <b>10:00 am Morning Prayer</b> on Zoom |        |     |

**Church YouTube Live Stream link for Sunday services:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936>**

**Church ZOOM link: <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>**



## **A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...**

**The Rev. Allison Moore**

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away." (Matthew 13:24). Matthew has more parables of people being condemned to outer darkness, with "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth", than any other gospel. Matthew interprets some of Jesus' parables in a very binary way, perhaps reflecting tensions in his congregation between different factions.

Matthew's not the only one. Language of enmity—"we're good and you're evil", "it's your people's fault that my people are suffering," "Those people" are hurting "my country" pervades human civilizations.

Jesus (and teachers in many religious traditions) offers another way. Pay attention to the weeds growing among the wheat in your own field. Humans are capable of immense good, food to feed ourselves and others abundantly. The same humans, each of us, are capable of immense evil. I so much prefer to condemn others than to acknowledge my own part in the evil of the world. That's not helpful. Acknowledging my part opens the way to repentance, forgiveness, new life.

"The whole creation has been groaning in labor pains," (Romans 8:23) shaped by the conflict within each human, between humans and humans, between humans and other parts of creation, and arguably within God who created both good and evil, right and wrong, hope and despair, compassion and hatred. We can choose to project evil onto others and deny it in ourselves, or we can choose to see ourselves and others as struggling to survive, to love, to contribute to the world together.

Padraig O'Tuama is a poet and story teller who has worked to help Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland soften their enmity towards each other. Here's his prayer in time of violence:

**A prayer in times of violence**

God of all humanity  
in times of violence  
we see how inhuman we can be.  
We pray for those who, today,  
are weighed down by grief.  
We pray for those who, yesterday,  
were weighed down by grief.  
And the day before,  
and all the days before the day before.  
We pray, too, for those who help us turn towards  
justice and peace.  
Turn us all towards justice and peace  
because we need it.  
Amen.

**SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (July 19)**

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| LEM:              | Brenda Hush       |
| Acolyte:          | Carla Mancuso     |
| Lector:           | Kappa Waugh       |
| Usher:            | Annette Johnson   |
| Altar Guild:      | Cathy Kelly       |
| Music:            | Janet Frommer     |
| Coffee Hour:      | The Simons Family |
| Live Stream Tech: | Jane Conger       |

**FREE FRESH FOOD**

**This Sunday Free Fresh Food will be at St. Andrew's.** Please speak with Allison, Cathy, Jennifer or Susan if you can help in any way.

## **FOOD COLLECTION**

There is a basket at the entryway to the church where we ask that you place **non-perishable food items** for distribution to those who come by for Free Fresh Food as well as to Family of New Paltz.

# **Save the Date!**

**Sat., Oct. 3, 2026 6pm**

**New York**

## **Lamentations**

**A Play about Slavery and its Legacy in  
the Hudson Valley,**

**written by Rev. Chuck Kramer,**

**Produced by Jeannine Otis,**

**Sponsored by the Diocesan**

**Reparations Commission and**

**Episcopal Campus Ministry**

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**Held at  
Lutheran  
Church of the  
Redeemer, New  
Paltz**

For more info  
about the play,



## **COFFEE HOUR**

Sign up to do coffee hour on sign up sheet in the parish hall. Information on how easy it is to participate in this ministry is on the sheet and in the kitchen.

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## ACTION CORNER

Steps you can take to work on justice. Ideas welcome!!

### Actions for this week

#### Prayer is an action too!

Sign up for [Episcopal Church Public Policy Network's weekly prayers](#) for various people at risk. You can hear them on Zoom every Monday at 11:45, or read them at your leisure. [The Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) suggests actions for concerns agreed to at triennial General Conventions; now they are adding prayers as well.

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***SAVE THE DATE!***

## **Friends & Family Celebration**

**Sunday, September 27, 2026**

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### **BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS**

The architect, Allen Ross, is working with the Building Renovation committee and will soon have full details to share.

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Valerie, Kappa, Jane, Jennifer, Janet, Noa, Anne and Family, Alex, Kate, Henry and Charlie. Thank you to those who help with the free fresh food project, those who tend to the grounds of the church and vicarage, and those who are helping with the live streaming of the Sunday service.

## Church Office Hours

### Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

### 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

*If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272 or by email to [standrewsrev@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsrev@gmail.com); Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.*



## ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

### FREE FRESH FOOD!

Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; **3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim

### Andy's Peeps

Online forum for St. Andrew's community  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

### Sunday School

**First & third Sundays, 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church**

St. Andrew's Website ([www.standrewnp.org](http://www.standrewnp.org))

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>)



### Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for especially **Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura.**